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be provided with augmented first-aid boxes containing a wider range of medicines and resuscitative equipments. 86 long distance trains have already been provided with these first aid boxes. The frontline staff are also being trained in first aid and given refresher training as per a schedule to be updated periodically. To meet with emergency situation arising as a result of train accidents, there are Accident Relief Medical Vans (ARMVs) located at strategic places, which are equipped with instruments necessary for rescue and relief. Tool kits however, are not provided in the individual trains.

At Vizag Railway Station, one first-aid box with Station Superintendent on Duty and another first-aid box with Railway Protection Force (RPF) Assistance Booth are provided round the clock. In addition, one spare first-aid box is also available with Station Manager (Gazetted). Guards of all coaching trains on Waltair Division are provided with first-aid boxes. Inquiry reveals that none approached the on duty Station Superintendent or RPF Assistance Booth or Station Manager (Gazetted) for first-aid box on 30.1.2001.

Vacant posts of Railway drivers and security personnel

†4694. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the security related posts and the posts of engine drivers in the Railways are lying vacant for a long time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to fill up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) It is not a fact that the security related posts are lying vacant for a long time excepting the posts of Constables on Eastern Railway. The posts of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Constables on Eastern Railway could not be filled up on account of court cases. The process of filling up the vacancies on Eastern Railway is in progress.

So far as the posts of engine drivers in the railways are concerned, the information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Advertisement hoardings in the Railways

4695. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Railways Act of 1989, display of advertisement hoardings on rail bridges and flyovers is permissible;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines issued, if any, in this regard;

(c) whether the Municipal Corporation of Delhi recently dismantled and removed the advertisement hoardings in Delhi from railway bridges and flyovers, over rail crossings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Railway administration have authority to display advertisements on any part of the railways as per Section 185 of the Railways Act of 1989 and advertisements are undertaken accordingly.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Municipal Corporation of Delhi have removed advertisement displays from locations in Delhi area which includes Peeragarhi, Patparganj, Lajwanti Flyover, Mother Dairy, Badarpur and Ashok Vihar stating that no display by any other department is permissible without prior sanction of Municipal Corporation of Delhi.